

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

BIG DOINGS.

Program for Drummers' Annual Convention in Mexico.

There are big doings ahead for June 18, 19 and 20 in Mexico. The Missouri Drummers Association will hold its annual meeting here at that time. It promises to be one of the biggest events ever held in the town. Poepping's Band of St. Louis, the best in the State, will furnish music for the entertainments. Other bands will also assist in the music making.

The following plan of entertainment has been decided upon:

Thursday morning, June 18, 1908, 9 a.m. Reception of Missouri Drummers and their wives and address of welcome by Mayor E. D. Graham.

Response by the President of M. D. A.

Thursday afternoon, 2 p. m., Mardi Gras parade.

Thursday evening, Minstrel and Vaudeville entertainment.

One of the features of the three days' entertainment will be a Dirigible balloon ascension, also bicycle rider on tight wire.

Friday morning, June 19, 9 a.m. Band Concert.

Friday afternoon, 2 p.m., Flower Parade escorted by Missouri Drummers in uniform.

Friday evening, grand ball after concert.

Mrs. R. M. White has been appointed chairman of the flower parade committee, she to appoint her assistants.

Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m. Business meeting and election of officers. 11 a. m., horse show, 100 ladies on horse-back wearing the M. D. A. colors.

Mrs. Bosard Writes.

We take the following paragraph from the Laddonia Herald:

Mrs. Anna M. Vannoy, formerly Mrs. Bosard, of California, writes in a letter to a friend here: "I like living on a ranch fine and where I am living is a beautiful place. I like the California climate, but for genuine hospitality give me old 'Mizzo.' I never enjoyed better health than now. I'll never forget my Laddonia friends, and the Herald is always my first paper to read and the MESSAGE next."

"FOR GOD, AND HOME, AND NATIVE LAND."

[By E. Forrest. Contributed by E. F. Moore, Martinsburg, Mo.]

When the Robin Red-breast comes back and the Snow-bird has gone North, And you hear the Plover whistle in the meadow and the grass; In the early days of spring-time, as the larks of March draw nigh, Local option wins a victory, and Audrain county's dry.

From Nodaway to Pemiscot, from Worth to Oregon

The local option banner spreads its folds to storm and sun.

God's hosts have won the battle, and the white flag waves on high.

Soon St. Louis, Kansas City, Sedalia and St. Joe

Will buckle on the armor and strike a telling blow

For God, and Home and Native Land; then hear the welkins cry,

"Missouri's joined the South, and every county's dry."

When the frost is on the Upas-Bush and Schlitz is in the stew,

Milwaukee will no longer be infamous for her brew.

Awakened public conscience will demand that Congress fly

The Prohibition banner, and our whole land will be dry.

Miss Blanche White of near Benton City will teach in the Hickory Grove district, south of Farber, this spring.

HAPPENED AND HAPPENING

David Robertson is home from a trip to Denver, Colo.

J. E. Goodrich of Mexico has moved to Benton City.

Mrs. Guy Petty is home from a visit at Kerrville, Texas.

Attorney George Robertson was in Kansas City on business this week.

Miss Mary Morrison is home from her studies in the Kirksville Normal.

Mrs. C. L. Stewart of Rush Hill is reported very sick with measles.

J. P. Snyder, formerly of Santa Fe, late of Perry, has moved to a farm near Paris.

Mrs. W. J. Botts of this city has been entertaining the Misses Willis of Columbia.

T. B. Duncan and Prof. L. J. Mitchell attended the Masonic meeting in Moberly last week.

J. R. Hodge, one of Laddonia's excellent citizens, paid the MESSAGE a pleasant business call last Saturday.

Hon. C. M. Hay of Fulton delivered a rousing local option speech at the Mexico Christian church last Sunday afternoon.

Wm. Biggers of Moberly was here last week looking after repairs on his residence property on Liberty street, occupied by R. C. Paul.

J. W. Coleman of Rush Hill says he will be a candidate for Constable of Linn township, subject to the action of the Republican party.

Mr. Stephen Watkins of Columbia and Miss Nora Geeting of Rush Hill were united in marriage by Judge W. W. Botts in this city the 4th inst.

T. W. Cheseboro of Saunemin, Ill., has bought the At Brown 151 acre farm east of Mexico, paying \$70 per acre. Mr. Cheseboro will move to the farm.

A valued friend of the MESSAGE at Santa Fe, in renewing for the paper, writes: "I am a charter member of the paper. I love to read it; can't do without it, would not if I could."

The Farber Forum remarks: Frank James, a peaceable citizen of near Mexico, is a candidate for sheriff of Audrain. There was a time when Frank James got about everything he went after.

The Farber Forum says: J. A. Quick's little girl at Laddonia found a pearl in eating oysters the other day. Jeweler Moore of Vandalia says if it had not been cooked, it would be valuable.

R. A. Lake purchased a 240 acre farm seven miles north of Vandalia last fall and now occupies the same. He formerly lived near Farber. The Forum speaks of him as "one of the best citizens that ever left that community."

Mr. A. M. Trimble and Mrs. W. L. Woodward, both of this city, went to Kahoka, Mo., last week and were united in marriage. Mrs. Woodward came to this city from St. Louis about 8 months since. Mr. Trimble keeps a second-hand store and is proprietor of the City Hotel in Mexico.

A. P. McConnell, at Edwall, Wash., who formerly lived near Santa Fe, writes: "I see from the MESSAGE that my subscription expired Dec. 9, 1907. I thank you very much for sending the paper on, however. I should miss it very much if I should fail to get it as it contains so much news. Find the wherewithal enclosed to push my date up to Dec. 6, 1909. What

has become of your Santa Fe correspondent?

Mrs. Lucy Graham is visiting friends in Texas.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bledsoe has been quite ill.

Justin White has moved onto his new farm, west of Benton City, which he purchased last fall.

Mrs. S. F. Larue of near Rush Hill visited Mrs. Bert Garrett in this city several days last week.

C. W. Tanner, one of Farber's hustling business men, was in Mexico last Saturday. He honored this office with a pleasant call.

President S. L. Robinson and C. O. Thon, chief engineer of the Mexico, Santa Fe & Perry Traction Co., made a tour of inspection of the proposed line for the road last week.

Dan Cauthorn has been appointed administrator of that part of the estate of the late J. D. Morris outside the merchandise business of Morris & Abbey, J. A. Abbey being appointed administrator for the latter.

Wm. Biggers, a prominent real estate man of Moberly, and his daughter, Miss Goldie, visited L. H. Biggers and family here last week. The Messrs. Biggers are brothers and together they honored the MESSAGE with a call last Saturday.

The Perry Enterprise comments that Frank Snyder, a jolly bachelor who is in the meat market business at Santa Fe, says he is also in the market for some good woman to share her lot with him. The Enterprise thinks if Frank will supply the meat and the lady will furnish the bread they ought to strike up a bargain on short order.

The Laddonia Herald comments as follows: Hon. Pat Cullen and wife of Mexico entertained several young ladies last week. During the evening Pat made the proposition to the young ladies that he would pay the preacher's fee for each of the young ladies who would marry during Leap Year. Of course Pat is not standing in with the ministers.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement Conference for Missouri will be held at the Mexico Presbyterian church March 17, 18 and 19. It will be one of the biggest events of the kind ever held in our city. Distinguished speakers will be here from different parts of our own country and from the mission fields abroad. Some of our nearer home men who will speak are Pres. J. W. Million, of Mexico; Walter Williams of Columbia; Perry S. Rader, of Jefferson City, and Judge Samuel Davis, of Marshall.

The editor of the MESSAGE enjoyed a visit in Benton City last Thursday afternoon. We heard a local option speech at the Baptist church by Rev. A. A. Wallace of Mexico at night. Rev. J. W. Keltner presided at the meeting and at the close asked all who favored the county's going dry to rise to their feet. The vote was practically unanimous. Miss Dora Sellard and four other young lady friends from Hardin College furnished some fine violin music for the occasion. While in the little city we enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Wm. Johnson and daughters, Misses Anna and Clara. We thank them sincerely for kindly courtesies extended. Mrs. Johnson is the mother of Lieut. Jacob Johnson who married Miss Frances Howe of Mexico and who are now located at Fort Monroe. Another son, J. J. F. Johnson, is a grain merchant in Benton and owns a fine farm 3 1/2 miles southeast of that town. Benton City is a prosperous little place and is called one of the best towns morally in the county.

To the Voters of Audrain.

Precious friends: You upon whom so much of this work rests, will you not pray, work, and hope for the wisdom on the part of our people, for the time to come when the people will consider the licensed saloon as bad as human slavery. Let us bury this traffic forever and make of this nation a light for the world. Retaining the liquor traffic for the sake of the revenue it produces is a political method that is simply infamous.

The school houses we erect, the streets we pave and the water works we build with this money, that drips with the very hearts' blood of the helpless, will be looked upon by the coming generations as a monument of the nation's chief sin and shame, the cruelty of a half-civilized people.

"Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity."

We are told that this traffic should aid in bearing the burden of its own ravages. Oh! Christian friends, how can it do this? How can it bear the burdens of the father and the mother when the son is brought home drunk, or shot, or perhaps worse still himself a murderer? How can it bear the burdens of the wife when her husband, who at the altar pledged his sacred vows that made them one, has become cruel, sodden and imbruted and in whom every tender word, look and act has been effaced? How can it bear the burdens of childhood, starved, frozen, and unloved? How can a few tainted dollars bear the burdens of the stricken ones?

Now in the name of suffering womanhood and childhood, in the name of enslaved manhood of God and country, let us down the saloons. Let us press forward in hope and put our trust in God. Our victory is in sight, if we do our part now. I pray that you will see the need of earnestness, that may never have appeared unto you before. There is enough in this victory for you and me if there were not more than one hundred million more to be blessed. Victory, for all we know, at the last may be achieved by the part that you and I have done. The thing for us to know is that we have done our part. And when we have done this we may leave the rest with God.

Yours with Christian Love,
MRS. ELLA SHUP WILLIS.
Benton City, Mo.

Voting Places.

Polls that will be open Saturday, March 14, for Audrain County Local Option Election:

Mexico (1st ward).
Mexico (2nd ward).
Mexico (3rd ward).
Mexico (4th ward).
Molino.
Union.

Thompson.
Burke.
Naylor.
Gant.
Rowena.
Beagles.
Laddonia.
Crow.
Farber.
Black.
Vandalia.
Canada.
Macedonia.
Friendship.
Edwards.
Rush Hill.
Martinsburg.
Benton City.

Mrs. L. B. Hawthorn of Wingy, Indiana, visiting the family of her son here, Prof. L. B. Hawthorne.

Miss Alberta Armstrong will open a millinery parlor in the Bragg building, just south of the City Hall.

"Wet" Excuses.

1st.—It doesn't prohibit. If by that you mean that it doesn't entirely stop the sale, right. If you say that it doesn't reduce the sale, wrong. We have the distance from the whole whisky fraternity in the United States who are using every effort to prevent it.

2nd. Excuse. "We would vote dry but Mexico won't." The dries of Mexico are as much in earnest to carry the city as ever, and we have not given it up. We don't want to be the only plague spot in this part of the State, yet if we lose and the county will roll up a large dry majority, when you elect States Attorney you can get one of your choice, and it will help to enforce the laws.

3rd.—"We would vote dry if the law would be enforced, if the Nation and State would help us out." Now my notion is that the only way to let your representatives know that you want them to help you out is to say so by commencing at the bottom of the ladder, and voting local option. County first, State and Nation will follow in line when politicians see that it is popular. See what they are doing in the Southland. Governors, Senators, Representatives, all falling off on the dry side of the fence. It seems to me that now is the time to record a vote that will influence for law, order and sobriety.

If I have said one word that will arouse some voter to action I shall feel that this article is not in vain.

Kindly Yours,
E. B. NORRIS.

How and Where to Vote.

Let every voter who desires to have his vote count at Saturday's local option election be on his guard as to where and how to vote. To be a legal voter in this election a man must have resided in Audrain County and outside the city limits of Mexico sixty days prior to the day of election, and must vote in the township in which he resides, but may have some choice as to precincts, where there is more than one voting place in his township, but should vote at his usual place of voting when general elections are held. For example, a man living in Salt River Township may vote at Molino, Union School House, or one of the precincts in Mexico, provided he lives outside the city limits of Mexico.

On the ballots furnished for this election will be printed:

"Against the sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

"For the sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

If you are against the saloon, and want to vote "dry," leave the line which reads, "Against the sale of intoxicating liquors" and scratch out "For the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Names of the voting places for Saturday's election appear elsewhere in this paper.

Brockman's Fine Hog.

The Centralia Courier last week contained the following interesting item:

"A. C. Brockman got in from Baxter, Ill., last week what is probably the finest and best bred male hog in West Audrain. It is not only a splendid pig individually, but is bred by the pictures, being sired by the famous Buda K. 4th, the celebrated \$5025 hog. The pig has everything that a hog should have and will be a great top to Mr. Brockman's herd. He bought him of Ed. A. Baxter and paid a fancy price."

Mrs. Linnie West, widow of the late John A. West of this city, died in St. Louis last Saturday. Mrs. West was an aunt of John Leniton of Mexico.

Along the Firing Line.

Audrain is lining up. Go to the polls early. No matter about the weather.

A Mexico "Wet" to an Audrain County "Dry."

Wet—"How is your community?"

Dry—"About seven to one."

Wet—"Why, are the people losing their senses?"

Dry—"No, just coming to their senses."

An Audrain county farmer said to the writer: "I like my drink, but I don't want my boy to become a drunkard, and I can't afford to vote wet."

Two lines will form on the 14th in Audrain county.

One standing for the highest interest of the home, church and country. The other against the best interests of the community, church and State. Fathers, (the mothers are not permitted to speak) citizens of grand old Audrain county, in which line will you march?

OLD JOINTS ARE NOW STORES.

The Kansas City Star contained the following editorial Saturday of last week:

The brewers of the country could hardly have made a more unfortunate selection for their "horrible example" of the results of prohibition in relation to the prosperity of a city than that of Kansas City, Kansas. The enforcement of the prohibitory law there has resulted in disaster to but one interest—the liquor interest. It has worked a hardship upon one class of citizens only—the beer sellers. In all other respects prohibition has commended itself to social, commercial and political interests of Kansas City, Kansas. Enforcement of prohibition was literally forced upon the city by Attorney General Jackson at a time when public sentiment seemed to be favorable to the saloon policy. In the short time that has elapsed, the success of the prohibition plan has been demonstrated to such a remarkable degree that public sentiment has been completely reversed. It would be an impossibility to force the saloon and the joint on that city now. Every business man on the Kansas side is in favor of prohibition; the property owners are practically united in support of the law, and the citizens generally are delighted with present conditions.

The success of prohibition is not limited, either, to Kansas City, Kansas, in its application to the cities of Kansas. Leavenworth and Wichita were numbered among the "wide open" communities where the hostility to the law was strong enough to make state interference necessary. The results have been identical in both cities with the experience of Kansas City, Kas. The chief concern of the people in Kansas City, Kas., in Leavenworth and in Wichita now is that the brewers shall not be allowed under any circumstances to regain their old standing.

The policy which the liquor interests are advertising in the Eastern papers as "ruinous" to Kansas City, Kas., has been in operation for twenty-one months, and, unfortunately for the brewers, it has been the most prosperous period within the entire history of the city.

The Beaver Dam debating society has adjourned for the spring and summer months. At the meeting last week Miss Jesse Allison, the secretary, read a very interesting report of all questions discussed during the winter.

Quoted from the Perry Enterprise: Miss Dolly Griggsby, of Vandalia, returned home yesterday after a visit with her sisters, Mesdames Wm. Lake and Chas. McCoy.

Mexico Savings Bank
Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00
40th Year in Business
W. W. Fry, Pres.
Sam Locke, Cashier.